

Welcome to Physical Science

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Science Policies and Safety Rules

Purpose

Safety in the science classroom is a priority for students, teacher, and parents. To ensure a safe science classroom, a list of procedures has been developed and provided to you in this student contract. These procedures must be followed at all times. After reading this document the student and *parenti* guardian should sign the acceptance contract and return only that portion to me. This contract is to be kept in your science notebook as a constant reminder of the science policies and safety rules.

Classroom Policies

1. Arrive to class on time. Enter the room quietly and take your seat.
2. When entering the science room, do not touch any equipment or supplies until instructions have been given.
3. Treat each other and the teacher with respect at all times.
4. No eating or drinking is allowed in the classroom.
5. Do not write or sit on tables.
6. No throwing paper or any other objects in the classroom. These items should be placed in the proper receptacles.
7. Bring your book, notebook, writing utensils and assignments to class each day.
8. Conduct yourself in a responsible manner at all times in the science classroom.
9. Do not speak out of turn. Always raise your hand if you have a question or comment.
10. Follow all written and verbal instructions carefully. If you don't understand a direction or part of a procedure, raise your hand and ask the teacher before proceeding.
11. Students are never permitted to open storage cabinets unless given specific permission by the teacher.
12. Never fool around in the science classroom. Horseplay, practical jokes, and pranks are dangerous and prohibited.
13. Notify the teacher immediately of any unsafe conditions you observe.
14. Wait in your seats for the dismissal bell. Students are not allowed to line up at the door.
15. Leave the classroom neat and clean. All supplies should be removed from your table and returned to their proper locations.
16. Push in your chairs as you go.

Laboratory Procedures

1. Perform only those experiments authorized by the instructor.
2. Read your experiment completely before you start to work. Follow all safety precautions. Ask for help whenever you do not understand clearly what you are to do.
3. Observe good housekeeping practices. Work areas should be kept clean and tidy at all times. Return all equipment clean and in working order to the proper storage area. Aisles should be kept clear. Push your chair under the desk when not in use.
4. Do not dump any solid waste into the sink.
5. Keep hands away from face, eyes, mouth and body while using lab materials. Wash your hands with soap and water after performing all experiments.
6. When performing experiments work in your assigned area. Do not wander around the room, distract other students, or interfere with the laboratory experiments of others.
7. When using sharp instruments, always carry with tips and points pointing down and away from you. Always cut away from your body, never try to catch falling sharp instruments, and grasp sharp instruments only by the handles.
8. Do not touch, taste, or smell any chemicals unless specifically instructed to do so.
9. Never remove any chemicals or other items from the science classroom.
10. Never handle broken glass with your bare hands. Inform the teacher of any breakage.
11. Do not remove any electrical plug from its socket without direct instructions from the teacher.
12. If you don't understand how to use a piece of equipment, ask the teacher for help.
13. Move cautiously in the science classroom.

Student/Parent acceptance contract

I, _____ have read and agree to follow all of the safety rules set forth in this contract. I understand that these procedures are necessary to insure my safety as well as the safety of others. I will cooperate to the fullest extent with my teacher and fellow students to maintain a safe classroom and lab environment and agree to abide by these policies while attending her class and other class-related activities. I am aware that failure to comply with these procedures may result in my removal from the activities and the loss of credit for that activity. I have asked my parents/ guardians to read and sign this document as evidence that they are aware of the expectations of this course.

Student

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parents/Guardian

Signature _____ **Date** _____